

MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS  
COUNTY OF MAUI  
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Kaimiola at 1:26 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

*Present:*

Wendy Hudson, Chair  
George Kaimiola, Vice-Chair  
John Decker  
John Tomoso  
Lisa Darcy  
Mary Trotto  
Joyce Kawakami  
Scott Hansen  
Zhantell Lindo

*Excused:*

Faith Chase

*Absent:*

Saul Kahihikolo

*Present Staff:*

Lori Tshako, Director of Housing and Human Concerns  
Daniel Kunkel, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Pili Nahooikaika, Secretary

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Keisa Liu provided testimony to agenda item 4, TIG Status Updates and item 5, the Right to Shelter Bill.

Maui County Councilmember Gabe Johnson provided testimony to agenda item 5, the Right to Shelter Bill.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### Temporary Investigative Group Status Updates

- Resource Mapping TIG (End Date April 28, 2022) – Vice-Chair Kaimiola and Members Chase, Kawakami, Hansen and Trotto  
No updates to report.
- Street Medical/Mental Team TIG (End Date April 28, 2022) – Vice-Chair Kaimiola and Members Kawakami, Chase, Hansen, and Trotto  
Commissioner Kawakami reported that the TIG decided to make a formal motion to transmit a report to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns with a request to do additional follow up to explore a potential pilot project that addresses the objectives.

Commissioner Trotto moved and Vice-Chair Kaimiola seconded the motion to discuss transmitting a report to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

The Commission discussed making a recommendation to the department for review and provide the commission a final decision as to what to prioritize.

Commissioner Trotto called the question. The motion carried with 8 ayes and 1 opposed. The motion carried. On behalf of the Street Medical/Mental Team TIG, Commissioner Kawakami will transmit a report to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

- Monthly Reporting TIG (End Date March 25, 2022) – Vice Chair Kaimiola and members Kawakami, Chase, Hansen and Trotto  
Commissioner Kawakami provided an acronym cheat sheet to the Commission relating to Homeless/Houseless – Direct Services
- Diversified Housing Solutions TIG – Members Darcy, Decker, Lindo, Tomoso, and Chase  
No updates to report.
- Social and Community Impacts TIG – Members Darcy, Decker, Kawakami, Tomoso, and Chase  
Commissioner Darcy reported on different features of addiction and how they can identify where funds need to be directed to support those with addictions, funding transportation, difficulties of living without bathrooms and contributing to mental health issues.
- Sustainable Housing TIG – Vice-Chair Kaimiola and Members Chase, Decker, and Darcy  
No updates to report.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- New Member Introduction, Saul Kahihikolo  
Deferred this item to the next meeting agenda.
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness – My Vision for Preventing and Ending Homelessness: A Message from USICH Executive Director Jeff Olivet  
Commissioner Tomoso commented that he agrees with this article stating that homelessness is a public health crisis. That voices of people who have experienced homelessness need to be amplified and that racial disparities need to be eliminated.
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness – Findings-and Limitations-of the 2021 Point-in-Time Count  
Commissioner Tomoso commented that at some level he sees parts of Maui County but that he was informed Hawaii did not participate in the element of the 2021 point in time count.
- Letter to Chair Hudson, Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness, from Affordable Housing Committee Chair Johnson, dated February 3, 2022 relating to subject matter: Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan: Right to Shelter (AH-14(1))  
Commissioner Trotto moved and Commissioner Tomoso seconded the motion to discuss to accept and recommend that the commission accept the housing plan, the Right to Shelter

Ms. Moniz offered her appreciation to the Commission for spending time and energy on this critically important issue.

Commissioner Tomoso recommended that this item be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

- 2.31.080 (A) Requiring the council to review operations of the commission within 18 months after its first meeting and (B) requiring an annual report to council.  
Commissioner Lindo commented that she would like the Commission to discuss a date of when the report will be submitted to the Maui County Council and who will serve as the Commission's representative to submit the report.

#### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 24, 2022

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m. No motions made or votes taken.